

The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

#### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 11:01 am. Following the roll call, a quorum was present.

Mayor Edwards requested to move Item 5, Discussion regarding the terms of a contract for the new City Manager, to the top of the Agenda. Hearing no objections, Item 5 was moved.

2. Nomination of a City Administrative Officer

Mayor Edwards instructed City Council that an Interim City Administrator should be assigned until the new City Manager comes on

board. Mayor Edwards would like the City Council to appoint Mr. Mark Massey as Interim City Manager.

- a. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmembers Rowell and Jackson to appoint Mr. Mark Massey as Interim City Manager (A resolution was provided by the City Attorney). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.
- 3. Nomination of a City Commander

Mayor Edwards nominated Major Shelia Rogers as Interim Police Chief.

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to appoint Major Sheila Rogers as Interim Police Chief (A resolution was provided by the City Attorney). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.
- b. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Willis to reconsider the discussion regarding the Interim City Manager. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.
- 4. \*Discussion regarding City Solicitor and Public Defender Contracts

Judge Tiffany Sellers provided a PowerPoint presentation of the hiring process used for the Solicitor and Public Defender.

a. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to suspend Judge Sellers' presentation and allow the City Attorney to present context surrounding the Solicitor and Public Defender Agreements. Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Willis and Gilyard voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-3-0.

- b. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember khalid to include in Section 1, the Solicitor, at her discretion, may work with (Finance) respective staff to facilitate grant administration to assist the municipal court per a grant policy. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.
- c. A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Willis to allow the Solicitor to use portions of the compensation under this agreement to retain competent staff to assist with the performance of duties. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.
- d. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to change the written advance notice from 30 days to 60-days. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.
- e. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to leave the language of Section 3, Annual Salary, as is. The motion passed, 6-0-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.
- f. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to keep Section 4 language pertaining Code Enforcement, as is. The motion passed, 6-0-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.
- g. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to accept the City Attorney recommendation to Section 5, Indemnification Clause, to limit coverage if it's willful malfeasance or intentional. The motion passed, 6-0-0. Councilmember Gumbs was not present.

- h. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and Councilmember Gilyard to cancel the current Solicitor Agreement dated December 28, 2017; provide notice of the cancellation of that Agreement; and authorize a new Agreement effective as of March 2, 2018. The motion passed, 5-0-0. Councilmembers Gumbs and Jackson was not present.
- i. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to cancel the current Public Defender's Agreement dated December 28, 2017; provide notice of the cancellation of that Agreement; authorize a new Agreement consistent with the terms of the Solicitors Agreement, except for the salary for the Public Defender effective as of March 2, 2018. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0. Councilmembers Gumbs and Jackson was not present.
- 5. \*Discussion regarding the terms of a contract for the new City Manager

Mayor Edwards indicated that the Employment Agreement with the City Manager is a draft and questions/concerns about the Agreement can be renegotiated.

Each Councilmember indicated their preferences with respect to various provisions in the proposed contract.

The City Attorney indicated that she wanted to add an indemnification section; language that states 'the Charter prevails'; and she would like more time to review the Agreement in more detail.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, was identified as a potential date for the City Council to get all remarks/questions/changes/concerns to the City Attorney for amendments to the City Manager Agreement.

After discussion between Mayor, City Council and the City Attorney, it was requested for the City Attorney to make comparisons of salary differences between the Atlanta area and DC.

#### 6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Willis to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk